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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2003, kindly enter the following amendment and response.

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.178, the Applicant states that the original patent can not be located at this time. If the original patent is located, it will be duly submitted to the Patent Office.